

The Mystery #9

Ephesians 1:15-23

Praying for the Church Pt1

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eves of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does it look like to seek depth and meaning in prayer? Why do you think that people avoid fellowship with God and with each other?
- 2. What do you have faith in apart from Christ? Is He asking you to lay that down or work through it in any way?
- **3.** How do you know if you have skill for living as opposed to skill for making a living? What is the thought process of wisdom? Can you give a recent example?
- 4. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and wisdom comes through abiding in Christ; What does it look like for you to abide in Christ and how does the fear of the Lord help that?
- **5.** How can this lesson help you to speak the truth in love and pray for the saints? Any next steps?